QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(7) Output: Internal Product

Senator Bartlett asked:

- 1. How many FOI requests did the Department receive in the last financial year?
- 2. How many FOI requests are there currently on foot?
- 3. What is the average length of time given for FOI's to be processed?
- 4. What is the average staff time spent determining an individual FOI request?

Answer:

- 1. 14,627.
- 2. As at 31 October 2006 1,443.
- 3. 30 days.
- 4. Between 7 and 9 hours.